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Region-wide:

Board Suspends Recreation Use Designation During Unsafe Swiftwater Conditions

The Board approved the temporary suspension of recreational use designations for engineered channels during unsafe conditions. This temporary suspension has a mandatory review in three years. That review is to include the issue of stormwater as a resource. The Board also directed the Executive Officer to form a Working Group of all concerned parties to focus on planning for stormwater reuse.

Los Angeles:

Board Approves Nutrient Standard for Los Angeles River

The Board approved a water quality standard, known as a Total Maximum Daily Load, or TMDL, to reduce nitrogen compounds in the Los Angeles River. Excessive nitrogen compounds can be toxic to fish, cause algal blooms, scum, odors, and foam. The Board's action will protect wildlife habitat, groundwater recharge, and recreational uses of the river.

Santa Clarita:

Board Reconsiders Chloride Standards for Santa Clara River

The Board approved changes to the implementation plan for the Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL, which was adopted last February to protect agricultural water supply. The Board's revision allows the two publicly owned treatment works owned by Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, identified as major sources of chloride to the river, additional time to comply with the TMDL.

Los Angeles Harbor:

Board Renews Permit for Harbor Generating Station, Directs Studies

The Board approved a permit renewal for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Generating Station located in the Los Angeles Harbor. The generating station uses water from the Harbor in their cooling water system. As part of their action, the Board directed the Executive Office to form a multi-agency Task Force to examine the effects of cooling water intake on aquatic life within the California Bight. (NPDES Permit No. CA0000361)

Consent Calendar:

Additional actions to improve water quality were taken by the Board without discussion, as items adopted under the consent calendar. The meeting agenda, including consent items, can be viewed at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/meetings/agenda/2003/agenda_03_0605.pdf

Next LARWQCB Board Meeting

The 465th meeting of the LARWQCB will be held at 9:00am on August 7, 2003 at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA. The agenda can be viewed at: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/meetings/meetings.html>